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SUBJECT: W/E: AHMED HASSAN-SSN JITRAWWAE0II WIDOW

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REF: A) SANAA'S MEMO TO SSA DATED 12/7/74 B) STATE 009484

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST - SENATOR HART

1. BOTH QUESTIONS RAISED BY SSA RE WIDOW'S IDENTIFY AND CURRENT ADDRESS HAVE BEEN AT CRUX OF PROBLEM SINCE 1966. TAIZ ADDRESS NOTED REF B USED CURRENTLY AND WIDOW VISITED EMBASSY 4/74 AND 9/19/74 FOLLOWING CALL-IN REQUESTS TO THIS ADDRESS.

2. REGARDING WIDOW'S IDENTIFY AND EXISTENCE, EMBASSY DISCUSSED SOME OF THE IMPLICATIONS IN REF A. PRESENTLY NO RPT NO PUBLIC RECORDS REGARDING BIRTH, MARRIAGE, IDENTITY ETC ARE AVAILABLE YAR. AFFIDAVITS ATTESTING TO ABOVE AVAILABLE IN ABUNDANCE, HOWEVER, AND WILL BE DRAWN UP ACCORDING TO ONE'S NEEDS REGARDLESS OF VALIDITY OR VERACITY. HENCE, EMBASSY HAS NO METHOD OF CORROBORATING INDEPENDENTLY WIDOW'S IDENTITY CLAIM OTHER THAN CONSIDERING HER ORAL STATEMENTS IN RELATION TO HER DOCUMENTATION.

3. QUESTION OF WIDOW'S EXISTENCE RAISES ADDITIONAL POINT. SINCE 1966 CASE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HANDLED BY AGENT. WHEN FINALLY INTERVIEWED, WIDOW DISCLOSED DETAILS OF HER ALLEGED RELATIONSHIP WITH DECEASED WHICH ARE AT CONSIDERABLE VARIANCE WITH NORMAL
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YEMENI PRACTICE. WIDOW INDICATED SHE NEVER HAD CHILDREN

OR PREVIOUS MARRIAGES. SHE MARRIED AHMED HASSAN WHEN SHE WAS APPROXIMATELY 60 YEARS OLD IN 1962. HUSBAND DIED 1965. MARRIAGES OF THIS KIND ARE EXTREMELY RARE. ONLY LIKELY CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE SUCH MARRIAGE WOULD BE CONSIDERED SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE IS IF AGED FEMALE WEALTHY.

4. AS NOTED REF A EMBASSY DOES NOT FEEL THIS CLAIM APPROPRIATELY SUBSTANTIATED. ADDITIONAL CONTACT WITH WIDOW OF LITTLE UTILITY, AS SHE HAS, IN FACT, NO PROOF OF POSITIVE IDENTITY AND EXISTENCE AS REQUIRED BY SSA. ON THIS BASIS, EMBASSY REITERATES EARLIER RECOMMENDATION THAT PAYMENTS NOT BE AUTHORIZED.
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